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# The Dallas Digest

## The Mayor's Space

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In the age of The Virus, it seems like a good idea to lighten up the mood by addressing a fun topic to lift your spirits - so here is my article about the US Census.

Optimistically, two things recommend the Census, it is a real moneymaker and it helps give Oregon another politician to admire. An explanation is required.

First, something like \$14,000,000,000 is allocated each year to Oregon through 55 Federal programs based on data from the 2010 Census. Making the Pollyannish assumption that Portland doesn't grab a disproportionate share of these dollars, our approximate cut is an exciting \$3,500. These days folks are counted as "whole persons" (not always the case), so everybody counts - citizens, non-citizens, etc. You just have to be here and, as they say, "enumerated".

If everybody is counted, my guess is Dallas will rise from a population of 14,583 in 2010 to something like 17,000 this year. With that uptick, here's the math for just the increment:  $2,417 \times \$3,500 = \$8,459,500$ . And recall, that's each year for a decade or about 85 million bucks in total – minus what Portland rakes off - pouring into our community.

Second, it looks like Oregon's growing population will likely support a fifth Representative in Congress. Perhaps you believe that we can get by without another politician, but recall, this will be our politician - one more reason for us all to get counted.

So, fill out the Census form, either electronically (amen!) or via paper. If not, a live person will be tracking you down to do a personal interview, not the best idea in light of the Virus and the 10-foot social distancing involved.

The takeaway is to get counted! If the Census doesn't find you, please find them.

## In the Spotlight: COVID-19

We know COVID-19 has brought painful disruption and distress to the lives of many Oregonians. But if we stay vigilant, this can work: Updated projections from health researchers show that there is "strong evidence that measures currently in place in Oregon are reducing transmission," according to the latest models.

The most recent data suggest that current social distancing measures could cut transmission rates between 50%-70% if Oregonians maintain these limitations on virus-spreading interactions into early May.

If Oregonians can maintain current social distancing efforts and the current projections hold true, the state could meet the likely demand for hospital beds under current strategies. For more information, visit this link to the Institute of Disease Modeling which is a valuable source for Covid-19 related data: [https://govsite-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/CjmGprg8S1abXTZ6lMet\\_Oregon-COVID-19-Projections-2020-04-10.pdf](https://govsite-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/CjmGprg8S1abXTZ6lMet_Oregon-COVID-19-Projections-2020-04-10.pdf)

HOW TO DO SOCIAL DISTANCING		
 <b>NO HANDSHAKES OR HUGS</b>	 <b>KEEP YOUR DISTANCE</b> (about 6 feet)	 <b>WORK REMOTELY</b>
 <b>AVOID CROWDS</b>	 <b>STAY AT HOME</b>	 <b>WASH YOUR HANDS</b>

## Spring Has Sprung!

Nice spring weather is here and yard maintenance is in full swing. The grass on the park strip and the area between the sidewalk and the curb is maintained by the property owner. Please remember when you are cutting the grass or blowing yard debris to not deposit it onto the public roadway. City Code does not allow for depositing items onto the street.

We would like to remind residents that items (such as basketball hoops) may not be stored on the streets or sidewalks. Doing so makes it difficult for service vehicles such as garbage collection, street sweeper, emergency services and others to accomplish their functions. Sidewalks must be clear for pedestrians and remain ADA compliant. Certain weather conditions may also cause the items to fall, creating a potential hazard to persons and property.

While we support outdoor activities we wish to ensure that the streets and sidewalks are clear for use. We would ask that basketball hoops are removed from streets and sidewalks when not in use and that they are secured in a safe manner.

For more information on City Code or to report a potential code violation, please visit the Code Services department the Dallas City Website: <https://www.dallasor.gov/64/Code-Services>



### Tips On Outdoor Burning



Outdoor burning can be an efficient way to dispose of organic material such as leaves, branches and grass. However, It's critical to follow outdoor burning regulations in order to safely burn debris.

For daily updates on outdoor burning, contact Polk County Fire District No. 1 at: **(503) 838-2020**. For smoke complaints, contact the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality at **(888)-997-7888**.

For general information on outdoor burning, please Visit the Polk County Fire District No. 1 website: [www.polk1.org/burn-info](http://www.polk1.org/burn-info)

### Pay Your Utilities Online

You can now start City of Dallas Utility Service with our new online method. Follow this link to visit our online bill pay center: <https://www.ci.dallas.or.us/665/Online-Bill-Pay> . To sign-up for service online you must create an account. More information, please visit the Dallas Utility Department webpage: [www.dallasor.gov/81/Utility-Billing](http://www.dallasor.gov/81/Utility-Billing).

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<https://www.iccsafe.org/advocacy/building-safety-month/2020-building-safety-month/>